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The Oregon Buddhist Temple Monthly Newsletter

November 2025



Do Buddhists Celebrate American Holidays? Rev. Tadao Koyama

Happy November everyone! I hope all of you are staying warm in this weather! The mornings and evenings are getting colder, and we are definitely saying goodbye to the summer weather!

On a recent visit to the doctor, we were asked, “Do Buddhists celebrate Halloween?”. We responded “We do in the fun way. The way kids dress up in costumes and sometimes go trick or treating”. Almost the same way we celebrate Christmas. While we as Buddhists do not observe mass or celebrate in the birth of Jesus, many of us have adopted the American tradition of getting together on the Christmas holiday to be with family and open presents. Even growing up my parents read “The Night Before Christmas” to us kids because it was fun to hear about Santa.

If there is a holiday that I believe encompasses the teachings of Jodo Shinshu and Buddhism in general, it is Thanksgiving. While holidays have largely become commercialized and now sometimes, sadly, Thanksgiving is seen as the day before Black Friday, I have grown to appreciate being around the family during this holiday. So many people travel back home for the holidays during this time to see family and friends. As we grow older and we get busier with work, it becomes harder to take time away to see the important people in our lives. When we do, we should do our best not to spend time arguing or fighting over things, but try to be grateful that we have family in our lives.

I am thankful that Rev. Cyndi and I are able to see our families during this time as well. Ever since we have moved to Tacoma, both of our families have come up to celebrate Thanksgiving with us a little early. Now with our little one on the way, I am looking forward to what future holidays may bring.

I should also say that our baby is doing well, and we are looking forward to welcoming him next year in March. It's amazing that I am blessed to be with a wife who is wonderful, and a healthy baby in the making! I will definitely be appreciating this holiday season with a new sense of wonder and eagerness. This will be the last year that Rev. Cyndi and I spend the holidays as a married couple without a child. Equally, this future makes me appreciate all of the sacrifices and hard work my parents put into raising me. I know I was a handful.

As the years continue, I can only think of how precious these times with our families can be, and that we should cherish them while we can. Life moves very quickly, and I am certain that having a child will make my life go even quicker. I need to make sure that I stop from time to time and really take in the wonderful life I have right in front of me. All of us should.

Namo Amida Butsu.



Giving Thanks Judy Hittle, OBT President

November is the month of Eitaikyo.

What is Eitaikyo? Referring to the book, *Jodo Shinshu, A Guide*, Eitaikyo is “a memorial service to pay tribute to our predecessors... in due respect of their contributions to the growth of the local sangha.”

Many of you may know that our temple exists due to the forward-thinking and generosity of many who came before us. Did you know that the Buddhist Church in Portland was officially founded with Reverend Shozui Wakabayashi as their leader back in November 29, 1903? From then, a group of Japanese immigrants got together in 1910, and saw to the founding of the building which became the first official religious facility for the Buddhist Church in Portland. This building is still standing today, although no longer as a religious facility.

After World War II, and the misguided incarceration of the Japanese Americans, many of the members returned to Portland to rebuild their lives. Along with that, in 1966, the present building was built and dedicated for all of the sangha. We became the Oregon Buddhist Temple. Today we have a diverse membership and continue to nurture the teachings of the Buddha. I couldn't begin to know how many people it took to see that we would have our temple here on 34th Avenue. That is essentially why we celebrate Eitaikyo.

November is also the month of Thanksgiving. Originally, it was a harvest feast between Pilgrims and the Native Americans, specifically the Wampanoag people. It has since evolved into being a time of giving thanks for the good fortunes many of us enjoy – family and friends to love and care for and who care for us, roof over our heads, and food to eat. Yes, many of us have much to be grateful for and we should recall how fortunate we are to have this good fortune, whatever it may be.

Whether it's Eitaikyo or Thanksgiving, it's a time of giving thanks. At the Oregon Buddhist Temple, we are truly

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fortunate to have our temple where we can hear the Dharma and be with our Sangha. Keeping this gratitude in mind, we may see things around us in a different light. When others are not as fortunate, perhaps some kindness and compassion may make all the difference.

Namo Amida Butsu

With gratitude,
Judy Hittle (jasatohi@gmail.com)

November Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of November. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the November 16 Sunday service at 10 am. Please join us and offer incense in memory of your relative(s) or friends.

Listed below are the names of those who passed away starting from 1950. Oregon Buddhist Temple has records from 1904. Names of deceased prior to 1950 are added if requested. If a name is missing or incorrect, please notify the temple at 503 481-0699 or at obtlanterns@gmail.com.

Kikue Ando, 11/9/1989*	Rei Kiyokawa, 11/25/1979	Clara Kazue Okita, 11/17/2004
Nogi Seichi Asakawa, 11/14/1992	William Minoru Koida, 11/13/2010	Shizuyo Ouchida, 11/8/1965*
Junpei Emoto, 11/11/1957	Seimi Kuribayashi, 11/19/1987	Shizue Suzie Sakauye, 11/13/1997*
Kazuo Fujii, 11/5/2007	Kameichi Maehara, 11/19/1957	Fumie Sako, 11/25/1998*
Masao Fujimura, 11/29/1959	Tomoko Maekawa, 11/24/1995	Shizuno Shimizu, 11/3/1952*
Frank Furukawa, 11/9/1979	Yone Maekawa, 11/24/2004*	George Tatsuo Shoji, 11/12/1995
Fujimatsu Hamataka, 11/5/1950	Ryonosuke Masuda, 11/20/1975	Bob Hiroshi Sunamoto, 11/22/2009
Mineto Hara, 11/13/2015	Kametaro Matsumoto, 11/6/1980	Toki Tachibana, 11/19/1962*
Richard Harder, 11/21/1996	Ayame Matsunaga, 11/2/2006*	Utajiro Takabayashi, 11/10/1963
Jamie Jo Hasebe, 11/26/2004	Yoneo Eddie Minagi, 11/11/2002	Tokiye Ruth Takashima, 11/25/2005*
Dr Mie May Hayashi, 11/2/2002	Hisa Mitoma, 11/16/1960*	Sakajiro Takeuchi, 11/9/1963
Totsavask (Todd) Hirsansomboon, 11/08/2002	Chieto Morita, 11/1/1989	Shiro Takeuchi, 11/22/2011
Megan Akemi Imamura, 11/01/2013	Ramon S. Moro, 11/17/2003	Gunichi Tamiyasu, 11/20/1958
Kyuji Kanzaki, 11/06/1962	Kazue Murahashi, 11/14/1979*	Mitsuru Tamura, 11/27/1977*
Yahichi Kato, 11/19/1964	Toyoki Murahashi, 11/24/1961	Poh Chye Tan, 11/25/2008
Hikojiro Kawasaki, 11/25/1952	Takaichi Nakamoto, 11/15/1952	Rev. Tansai Terakawa, 11/12/1944
Nadine Colette Kinoshita, 11/28/2009	James S Nakamura, 11/15/1976	Uno Teramura, 11/28/1966*
Kyo Kiriara, 11/11/1962*	Tsuru Nakamura, 11/21/1986*	Alice Yamano, 11/22/1988*
Yukino Kiso, 11/27/1991*	Katsumi Nakayama, 11/25/1996	Hiroshi Yamauchi, 11/3/2014
Jutaro Kiyohara, 11/13/1953	Yutaka Nishikawa, 11/15/2022	Chiyoko Yoshihara, 11/20/2006*
		Taro Yoshihara, 11/6/2004

* OBWA member

OBT Services in November

	Officiant	Dharma Talk
Nov. 2	Rev. Ronald Kobata	Dr. Satsuki Ina
Nov. 9	Rev. Vonn Magnin	Rev. Vonn Magnin
Nov. 16	Rev. Ronald Kobata	Rev. Ronald Kobata
Nov. 23	Brenda Fugate	Dr. Alfred Ono
Nov. 30	Rev. Tadao Koyama	Rev. Tadao Koyama

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2025 Annual Pledge

Cathlyn Yarne
 Suniti Kumar
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 Nadine Nakagawa
 Tim Hays (*In memory of Grace Hasuike*)

Monthly/quarterly/semi-annual pledge

Glenda Watson-Coly (*Sept/Oct*)
 Diane Ando Harder (*Sept/Oct*)
 Tom Howard (*Sept/Oct*)
 Susan Lilly & Erik Ackerson (*Sept/Oct*)
 Susan Endecott
 Pat Hokama
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**** Note: Next month's report will***

***list donations received from
 October 17 to November 16, 2025.***

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OBT Sukiyaki Fall Bazaar, Oct 26, 2025

Photos by Mai Thi La



OBT Sukiyaki Fall Bazaar, Oct. 26 2025

Photos by Maho Garner



Editor's Note: The article below by OBT board member Ken Garner is intended to help make the board more accessible to temple members.



Listen Louder Than We Sing Ken Garner

Some of you know that I sing bass in the Portland Choir and Orchestra. The choir is comprised of about 100 singers from the greater Portland Metro area. During rehearsals our director often reminds us to “Listen louder than we sing.” From the first time I heard this exhortation it has stuck in my mind and I think about it often.

Trying to listen louder than I sing requires a focus not so much on my own sound but the sound of my fellow Bass singers and to the other sections. It requires me to be sensitive and responsive.

There is a saying that is often attributed, rightly or wrongly, to Aristotle that goes, “The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.” A choir is a perfect demonstration of this. Each section has its part, its own character and beauty. But when the sections come together and parts are combined, something much greater than each separate part emerges. There is a sweet spot, in the gap between the sum of the parts and the integrated sound where the magic of the choir is born. It is only possible to realize that sweet spot if the choir members listen louder than they sing.

We all, every sentient being, are singing in the great chorus of reality. While it may appear that we are singing in a dysfunctional choir, where the sections despise each other, where the operating principle is “Sing louder so you can’t hear and don’t have to listen to the other”, we are nonetheless interconnected and interdependent.

Amida Buddha is always calling to us, to every being, without fail, inviting us to connect to the sweet spot of boundless wisdom and compassion. The gentle call of the Nembutsu reaches out to us. We can hear it if we all simply “Listen louder than we sing.”



OBT Annual Holiday Craft Fair Saturday Nov 22, 9am-3pm Angie Hughes

You are invited to OBT's 10th Annual [Holiday Craft Fair](#) on November 22, 9am-3pm. Admission is free and all are welcomed!

Over 30 local artisans will be featured, including various handmade crafts made from wood, yarn, fabric, paper, clay, and many more. Please spread the word to your family, friends, and community, and we look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions, feel free to email the event coordinator, Mai Thi, at thirific@gmail.com.



Path to Plenty: A Walk to Support Food Security Worldwide Saturday Nov 15, 10am-12:30pm Carolyn Saiget

The **Oregon Buddhist Temple** is joining fellow Buddhists from Portland Friends of the Dharma, No-Rank Zendo, and the Wise Spirit Buddhist Community in a multi-community effort to raise money in support of food security both locally and abroad.

The **Path of Plenty** walk will help fund the efforts of **Buddhist Global Relief (BGR)** to alleviate malnutrition and starvation and to promote food security worldwide. The sharp decline in U.S. humanitarian aid makes donations to BGR more impactful than ever.

The walk will also support the work of **Urban Gleaners**, which collects and distributes food to people in need here in Portland.

In times like these, it may seem that much divides us—but uplifting actions like this walk offer us a way to express our unity and goodwill as caring human beings, no matter who we are. We hope you will consider taking part in this heartfelt expression of compassion in action!

The OBT will submit a request for a matching grant from the BCA Social Welfare Fund. In order to do so, we encourage participants to make a donation to the OBWA (note for Path to Plenty WALK). The OBWA will then submit a group donation from our temple.

So, please REGISTER for the walk using the QR code or website <https://pdxdharma.org/event/path-to-plenty/> BUT forward your donations to the OBWA who will send in a group/temple donation to the Buddhist for Global Relief organization.

For questions, contact: Carol – carolyn.saiset@gmail.com or Jayne – jayneichi@gmail.com



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Join the BCA Digital Sangha by scanning the QR code with your phone or visiting this URL: bit.ly/3ShTqWb. For more details, see the [article](#) on the BCA website.

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Dharma School Ann Shintani

Thank you to our families for bringing their students to Sunday Services and Dharma School. For O-Higan (“the other shore”), we observed that day and night are of equal length (Autumn Equinox), which is said to be encouraging to Buddhist practice or study. We studied the Six Paramitas, and a Crossing the River metaphor for the Ohigan journey: going from “this shore” (our ordinary and sometimes deluded life, or “Shigan”), crossing a river to seek the other shore of greater understanding and compassion. On Sunday, Oct. 19th, we invited our favorite people to join us for a harvest activity at Dharma School. We decorated mini-pumpkins, and made “hungry ghosts” (they look like “teru-teru bouzu”, or shining-shining monks). These ghosts remind us about the working of our ego, the three poisons of greed, anger and ignorance. We also shared enjoying each other’s company. On Saturday, Dec. 6, 6:00pm, OBT will have our annual evening Bodhi Day Service and Potluck. We will also be treated with the sequel to last year’s student performance of “Three Charms”. Please join and bring a dish to share.



OBWA Report Nancy Kajitsu

Our OBWA members helping with the Fall 2025 Bazaar at OBT!



Items covered in our latest Zoom meeting were:

- 2026 Officers will be voted on in our **next meeting** on a Friday dinner or Zoom interaction on **November 14 at 7pm**. Dinner at 6pm.
- **Path To Plenty** walk on **November 15**: Support this by walking with Jayne Ichikawa or donate through OBWA and OBT.
- The helpers cleaned **matsutake** (donated by Craig Mayeda, Kristi Noguchi and Kavika)
- Also discussed **exercise activities** before our monthly meetings - Suggestions are welcome!

Please join us at our next meeting!

Gassho,
Nancy



OBT Board Meeting Summary Jack Kostylo, OBT Secretary

The OBT board meeting was held October 1st at 6:32pm. No motions were made. We discussed finding new board members, auditors, a web manager, and other upcoming events and needs. The meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.



Girl Scouts Amy Peterson

The girls have been super busy lately.

The last few meetings the girls have been working on their Uniquely Us badges and let me tell you we are impressed that they are confident in their bodies, their friends and more. We were excited when they explained how they were named. The most impressive is DAISY who was named after her great grandparents and her parents anagrammed it into Daisy. They finished the series with a visit from a Mary Kay representative (friend who's done this for my girls.) As most of the girls are younger, Gretchen focused on skin care not make up other than "less is more." They had a blast with the charcoal facemask and cleaning. Thanks to the temple donations for our bottle drop account to cover the cost of cleanser for the girls to start their cleansing routine.

We also participated in the Gresham Teddy Bear Parade. An annual event sponsored by the Gresham Soroptimists, we have been participating and donating bears to their outreach program for local emergency responders when they encounter young victims of traumatic situations.

Our biggest camping trip will be the weekend of the Sukiyaki dinner, but back in time to eat. They will be joining



Camping Tent Practice

with my other troop on this and future adventures giving the girls more opportunities while reducing overall costs. They met during resident summer camp.

Since the leaders just completed Low Ropes and Archery Training, we are able to provide these adventures for the scouts. They will be doing some different cooking methods, setting up tents, and singing songs.

The girls are registering for a canoe camp session 1-3 at different camps and STEM day in Salem now through next month.

Thanks again for the temple support so they can supplement some of these opportunities. Keep those refundable bottles and cans coming! Gassho, Amy



Mottainai Craft Group Toyoko Oguri

September and October were like back-to-school time, getting back into the swing of sewing and checking our supplies. We received so many donations of fabric that we had to reduce some to make room in the temple storage area allotted for Mottainai crafts! We still welcome donations of kimono, yukata or any Japanese-themed fabric for repurposing them to sell at temple events. If you plan to donate, please let us know who you are, so we can thank you properly. All proceeds from the sale benefit the temple and the women's group (OBWA).

WHAT'S AHEAD

- Come visit the Mottainai craft table at the **Holiday Craft Fair** on **November 22!** Some members will also have their own tables for their specialty crafts.
- **January 21**, Wednesday, we will have a special guest who will give a talk on **kintsugi**, the art of visible mending of pottery using urushi lacquer. For those who are interested in learning about this craft, save the date!
- **Open regular meetings** will be held in the temple basement from 10:30 to 3 pm on Wednesday, **November 19**. No meeting is planned for December.

Contact the group for any questions at mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com.

Jodo Shinshu 101:

Rev. Koyama's Monthly Study Classes

These are informal Zoom classes offered on the second Wednesday of each month.

Everyone is welcome.

Registration is needed just for your first class.



[Click here to register](#)

Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the Austin Chronicle and the Westwood (Austin, Texas) High School website (<https://westwoodhorizon.com/2022/12/gratitude-is-good-for-you>) and is being reprinted with permission.



Gratitude is Good for You

Kriya Handa, WestwoodHorizon.com

Every day we go through life, doing our daily routines, completing our tasks, and just getting through the day. Sometimes we get so caught up in our lives that we don't get a chance to pause for a second, take a step back, and thank the people we interact with everyday whether we know it or not, people who work hard to make our lives better, even if we don't directly see them.

So, let's take a moment and shine a light on those who sometimes end up unnoticed in the backseat. Let's celebrate some of the people who make a tremendous difference in our lives and who we depend on to function, but forget to mention and appreciate.

The convenience of being able to buy something from the comfort of your couch has drastically changed the way we shop. All of those online orders are fulfilled by tons of workers who package purchases, or drive the trucks for our benefit. They work tirelessly every day for our convenience.

Every two weeks or so, full trash cans line the road waiting for the big garbage truck to come and pick up the waste that we have created. Almost like magic, our waste disappears. But it isn't magic. Someone drives that truck every time, helping us keep our houses and neighborhoods clean.

A hospital needs a finance and accounting staff to assure it runs smoothly. Without it, doctors wouldn't get access to good medical equipment, and patients wouldn't be able to get the medicine they need. The building itself wouldn't be able to stay open. From planning the budget to educating people about their healthcare costs, a financial staff is needed to make sure money is being handled properly, so that the hospital can most effectively treat its patients.

And what about the people who aren't paid, but still work hard for our best interests, our parents or siblings or children,

who are with us every day? Because they've lived with us our whole lives, we sometimes take them for granted, but we shouldn't forget to thank the ones who support us through break ups, job interviews, birthday celebrations, new relationships, and all of our ups and downs. The people who are with us no matter what.

Research has shown that gratitude naturally stimulates strong bonds between people. These bonds lead to stronger relationships between the important people in our lives. Additionally, Harvard's longest study on happiness shows a strong connection between good relationships and happiness. According to the project director Dr. Robert Waldinger, personal connections create mental and emotional stimuli which result in a boost in our mood.

Let's take a moment and shine a light on those who sometimes end up unnoticed in the backseat.

The point of this is to think about these seemingly "small" gestures that we take for granted, and to think about all the people who must have been involved in making it happen. Be thankful for them. Let them know that you care about them and are grateful for all that they do. It might seem cheesy, but it does make a difference to the other person, and to yourself.

In fact, according to neuroscientist Glenn Fox, expressing gratitude can have beneficial effects on the brain, reducing the body's level of stress and ultimately improving overall health. Specifically, the Greater Good magazine by the University of California, Berkeley states research has proven that gratitude leads to better sleep and improved heart functions. Additionally, those who express gratitude are more likely to do activities that benefit their health, such as eating well, adhering to doctor recommendations, etc.

The single phrase "thank you" has so much power in it. It can make somebody's entire day better, and with so many benefits to society, and to yourself, why not use it.

So, thank you for taking time out of your day to read this article.

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Links to and list of recurring events and meetings. Because most events are now live at OBT, this table will contain only those events/meetings with zoom links. Check the newsletter calendar for the dates of everything that is occurring at the temple. For questions: obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com (goes to Chris).

Please check our website for any last minute updates (like weather, funerals, or cancellations).

OBT Regular Service

Every week – Sun 10 AM

Dharma Exchange (following the Regular Service) at 11 AM

Link below to website for the filmed services:

<https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/>

This link is to zoom for the live Sunday Services and Dharma Exchange:

Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88441525686?pwd=EeovjfEdmbgAgQUoFXpEC1RAQrzPP1.1>

Meeting ID: 884 4152 5686

Passcode: 804117



OBWA

3rd Sat, mid-month, each month – 10 AM (specific date on calendar)

Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/96237030266?pwd=QjYxMjl5dDM3cnFVLzR5YmEvUU94UT09>

Meeting ID: 962 3703 0266

Passcode: 574232

Sunday Bon Odori

last Sunday of the month (see below – specific date on calendar)

Bon odori is generally the last Sunday of the month at 1 PM in the basement. July/August are exceptions because of Obon and dancing at the Japanese Garden. And, on occasion there are OBT events on the last Sunday so see the newsletter or calendar for specific dates. This is for fun, exercise, learning new dances, re-learning old dances, and seeing your dance buddies.

See Chris for details or to be added to our Japanese Stuff list that we use to notify dancers ---

obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com (email comes to Chris and I can answer questions or add you to the list)

Zoom link if you can't make it in person.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81054749182?pwd=aHBjNXhERzNyT3hUU0E5Wmw2cUliZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 5474 9182

Passcode: 113529

BEC (Buddhist Education Committee)

3rd Wednesday evening of month (see calendar)

This is the group who figures out the educational activities for the temple like the Sunday Services, Dharma Exchange, the Library, the videos and Sunday slide show presentations, and other tasks. We are always busy especially since we are currently without a resident minister. You are welcome to visit and listen in on the decisions or volunteer 😊

Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM with a couple exceptions.

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97807303590?pwd=MU90SkZHUnpJUXVxd0EvVGZDYUo4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 978 0730 3590

Passcode: 790943

Rev. Koyama has invited us to participate in his Buddhist Education Class.

Jodo Shinshu 101 Class

Rev. Koyama leads this class the 2nd Wednesday every month, 6pm-7pm. Signup link is [here](https://www.tacomabt.org/) and also on the Tacoma Buddhist Temple website, <https://www.tacomabt.org/>

Once you are signed up, you will receive an email each month with the class info and zoom link.



PATH to PLENTY

A WALK TO SUPPORT FOOD SECURITY
WORLDWIDE

Saturday, Nov. 15th

10 AM – 12:30 PM

Walk starts at Portland Dharma Center

1404 SE 25th Ave.

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Info / Register at:

[https://pdxdharma.org/event/
path-to-plenty/](https://pdxdharma.org/event/path-to-plenty/)



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November 22, 2025

**9 AM - 3 PM
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Orders must be received by Tuesday, December 9		How many pounds?	Total \$ Amount
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